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FOR NEA/PAB ONLY, LANDE FROM CURRAN

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SUBJECT: CREDENTIALS MATTER

1. THE AMBASSADOR WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD FIND OUT, THROUGH MIKE HORNBLOW PERHAPS, WHEN IN JUNE THE PRESIDENT MIGHT BE SCHEDULING A CEREMONY TO ACCEPT THE CREDENTIALS OF ONE OR MORE NEW AMBASSADORS TO WASHINGTON. AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE KARIM, WHOM WE HAVE SEEN A BIT OF THIS WEEK, IS WORKING ON HIS JUNE SCHEDULE AND WOULD LIKE TO PLAN HIS ARRIVAL IN CO-ORDINATION WITH A POSSIBLE CREDENTIALS CEREMONY. FOR EXAMPLE, IF A CEREMONY WERE TO BE HELD JUNE 10, HE WOULD DO HIS BEST TO GET THERE BEFORE THAT DATE, ASSUMING THAT OTHER PROTOCOLARY ARRANGEMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS WOULD MAKE THIS POSSIBLE. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF NO CEREMONY IS SCHEDULED UNTIL THE END OF JUNE, KARIM CAN HAVE A LITTLE MORE FLEXIBILITY IN HIS CONSULTATION WORK HERE AND HIS MOVE OUT OF CAIRO.

2. AS YOU ARE AWARE, IT MEANS A GREAT DEAL TO THE AFGHAN AMBASSADOR TO BE ABLE TO PRESENT HIS CREDENTIALS WELL BEFORE JULY 17 -- THE JESHYN OR NATIONAL DAY -- SO THAT THE AMBASSADOR CAN HOST THE NATIONAL DAY PARTY.

3. PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU CAN FIND OUT OR MAY BE ABLE TO WORK OUT, AND LET ME KNOW BY YOUR CLOSE OF BUSINESS MAY

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4. THANKS AND REGARDS.

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